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	09/676,887	ROGARD ET AL.
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	Tuan A. Tran	2682
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2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-52 and 71-78 renumbered 1-	<u>60</u> .	
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-52 and 71-78 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Applicant's response (See Remark, page 26-27) filed on December 08, 2005, clearly states the inventive step(s) of the instant applicant.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

• Searle et al. (5,576,717); Scherzer (6,108,565); Barratt et al.

(6,185,440); Katz (6,229,481); Yun (6,463,295); Boros et al.

(6,615,024); Chin et al. (6,694,155); Youssefmir et al. (6,795,409).

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan A. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-7858. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 10:00AM-6:30PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doris To can be reached on (571) 272-7629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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